

NCC Minutes 10/16/06

Open Meeting: 7:05 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, B. Byrne, R. Konisky, R. LaBranche, L. Carroll, D. Mason,
alt. S. Shope, Sel. W. Moore, Guest M. West

1) Ongoing Admin. Business:

- a. Treasurer's Report- read by D. Mason, motion to accept A. Watts, seconded by R. Konisky, all in favor YES. R. Konisky also suggested report include previous months total for all accounts to get a clearer idea of where things stand. D. Mason agreed to include.
- b. Minutes 9/18/06- D. Mason motions to accept as corrected, A. Watts seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Bills

- a. NH Assoc. of Conservation Comm.- \$175.00 for yearly dues
D. Mason motions to pay, R. Konisky seconds, all in favor YES.
- b. M. West- \$628.00+\$718.50 for field hours. R. Konisky motions to pay, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
Also submitted at meeting- \$1,785.75. A. Watts motions to pay, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
- c. Doucet Survey- \$1317.60 for work on Cole property by Fred Snyder.
Previously started for Open Space and recently finished. D. Mason motions to pay, L. Carroll seconds, all in favor YES.
- d. Devine, Millette and Branch-\$2500.00 for legal fees on the bond for the Greenway. Put on hold as we need to investigate what we agreed to pay for. W. Moore will review with Selectman.

3) Prime Wetlands Review- M. West

-Presented list of 48 potential sites with his recommendations for each (yes, no or maybe). Recommended that we come up with common names for the sites so that people can identify them more easily. An area must have at least 50% very poorly drained soil to be designated prime so the "no's" were sites that were automatically disqualified. Regarding the "maybe's", the NCC needs to decide on our priorities and choose which to recommend. The "yes" sites fulfill most of the function and value required to be designated prime. Mark noted that vernal pools can be difficult to designate. A potential solution is for the town to create separate buffers. He will then digitize the final choices.

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3) Prime Wetlands (cont.)

- R. Konisky requested that Mark supply us with more specifics regarding his criteria for delineating and ranking and his rationale for recommendations. Perhaps assign actual numbers to value (i.e. 1-10) for each property that would help us present our case to the town. He also asked Mark what his success rate has been. Mark replied that all 4 towns he has been involved with approved the recommended wetlands.
- A. Watts recommends that we should be aggressive with our choices then we go to the Selectman and Planning Board. (i.e. Start with high expectations as these may be pared down.)
- All agreed to hold a separate meeting on 11/13/06 to discuss further and make choices.

4) NAWCA Match

- R. Konisky received e-mails of grant agreements for Anderson and Daly properties which need to be reviewed.
- W. Moore requests NCC members attend the Selectman's meeting next week to discuss. Possibly have Duane Hyde attend also.

5) Updates

- Silverstein- W. Moore says there is still the possibility of litigation. J. Smith did site visit. Fence mostly complied but portions are in the easement and parts may be too short. They have also built a retaining wall that extends into the easement. Still working towards a compromise.
- Cole property- moving along well. Farmland Conservation easement being reviewed by the federal gov't. and the Wildlife easement is set. B. Hart will speak with the Selectman 10/17/06, the closing may be 11/10/06.

6) Other Business

- Hackett property- 5.3 acres between the railroad and the river. R. LaBranche spoke with E. Hackett who is interested but needs to consult with his brother. They may also be interested in constructing a small dock.
- S. Shope asked B. Hart and P. Auger whether or not they will be closing off the railroad bed through the Greenway and they definitely will not!

7) Next meetings 11/13/06 and 11/20/06

Adjourn 9:28 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 10/16/06

